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Sir/Madam:

The information attached hereto may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the documents and completed PTO-1449 form is submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this information official record in the application.

The Examiner is urged to review the documents and draw his or her own conclusions as to the materiality or relevance. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the references have indeed been considered and made of record herein.

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